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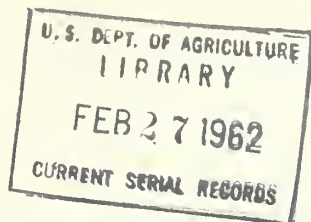






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CALF CROP 1961



February 20, 1962

CALF CROP 1 PERCENT HIGHER

The 1961 calf crop totaled 39,911,000 head--1 percent more than the 39,353,000 calves born in 1960, and 1 percent more than the 1950-59 average. The calf crop in 1961 was the largest since 1957, and the third consecutive year of increase.

The larger calf crop in 1961 compared with the previous year was due primarily to the larger number of cows and heifers on farms. There were 46,370,000 head of cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1961, compared with 45,871,000 head January 1, 1960. By January 1, 1962 the number had increased to 47,326,000 head.

The number of calves born in 1961 expressed as a percent of the cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1961 was 86 percent, the same as 1960 and the 1950-59 average. This percentage is not strictly a calving rate since the January 1 inventory of cows and heifers 2 years old and older does not include all heifers which give birth to calves during the year and includes some cows that die or are slaughtered before calving. This percentage is calculated to show trend in productivity over a period of time and may fluctuate from year to year due to variation in cow slaughter and trends in breeding herd replacement.

NORTH CENTRAL STATES

The majority of the States in this region had larger calf crops in 1961 than in the previous year. Kansas with a 6 percent greater calf crop showed the largest increase in this region. Other increases were North Dakota up 4 percent; Minnesota, Missouri and South Dakota up 2 percent respectively; and Indiana and Iowa each 1 percent higher and Nebraska up slightly. Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were unchanged from 1960 and Ohio was down 1 percent.

SOUTHERN STATES

In the South Atlantic Region, 5 States had larger 1961 calfcrops, 2 were lower and 1 was unchanged. Florida and Virginia up 2 percent and Maryland up 3 percent showed the largest increases.

In the South Central Region all States except Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas had larger calf crops in 1961. Texas and Oklahoma, the largest cattle States in this area, were up 1 percent and 4 percent respectively.

WESTERN STATES

In 1961, all Western States, except Wyoming, Utah and California, had larger calf crops compared with 1960. Arizona and Washington both showed 7 percent more calves born, the largest increases in this region. The 1961 calf crop in California was 1 percent smaller than the previous year.

NORTH ATLANTIC STATES

New York, the major cattle State in this area, had a 1 percent smaller calf crop in 1961, but Pennsylvania and Vermont, the next largest cattle States, had larger calf crops compared with 1960.

Calf crop: 1960 and 1961

State	Cows and heifers : 2 yrs. & older : January 1			Calves born as percent: : of cows and heifers 2 : : yrs. & older January 1			Calves born		
	: 10-year: : average: 1960 : 1961			: 10-year: : average: 1960 : 1961			: 10-year: : average: 1960 : 1961		
	: 1950-59:			: 1950-59:			: 1950-59:		
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent	Percent	Percent	1,000	1,000	1,000
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Maine	126	113	115	85	85	84	107	96	97
N.H.	69	60	61	84	88	87	58	53	53
Vt.	303	288	291	82	85	87	249	245	253
Mass.	124	104	106	82	85	82	101	88	87
R.I.	19	16	15	80	79	82	15	13	12
Conn.	117	100	102	81	83	81	95	83	83
N.Y.	1,469	1,409	1,433	86	86	84	1,260	1,212	1,204
N.J.	156	144	143	79	81	80	124	117	114
Pa.	1,066	1,068	1,082	85	86	87	908	918	941
Ohio	1,130	1,025	1,025	86	86	85	969	882	871
Ind.	934	825	823	89	87	88	830	718	724
Ill.	1,439	1,316	1,316	90	88	88	1,290	1,158	1,158
Mich.	961	824	815	85	86	87	815	709	709
Wis.	2,546	2,525	2,525	91	90	90	2,320	2,272	2,272
Minn.	1,752	1,742	1,777	91	90	90	1,594	1,568	1,599
Iowa	1,971	1,936	1,929	94	90	91	1,855	1,742	1,755
Mo.	1,839	1,858	1,878	91	89	90	1,677	1,654	1,690
N.Dak.	907	953	963	90	89	92	812	848	886
S.Dak.	1,452	1,531	1,561	90	93	93	1,307	1,424	1,452
Nebr.	1,820	1,855	1,885	91	91	90	1,658	1,689	1,695
Kans.	1,694	1,585	1,640	89	88	90	1,516	1,395	1,476
Del.	41	35	33	79	78	79	32	27	26
Md.	285	279	281	84	83	85	240	232	239
Va.	742	753	766	83	84	84	616	633	643
W.Va.	323	300	300	84	85	85	271	255	255
N.C.	514	507	499	78	77	78	401	390	389
S.C.	298	299	297	78	77	78	232	230	232
Ga.	738	748	741	80	80	81	590	598	600
Fla.	923	954	912	66	63	67	608	601	611
Ky.	972	1,076	1,111	88	88	90	862	947	1,000
Tenn.	977	1,024	1,047	87	86	88	848	881	921
Ala.	920	939	931	78	81	81	721	761	754
Miss.	1,223	1,233	1,214	74	75	76	908	925	923
Ark.	816	795	803	80	81	79	655	644	634
La.	1,062	1,081	1,108	78	78	78	834	843	864
Okla.	1,616	1,679	1,765	88	87	86	1,424	1,461	1,518
Texas	4,700	4,855	4,984	85	84	83	3,985	4,078	4,137
Mont.	1,112	1,201	1,214	91	90	91	1,016	1,081	1,105
Idaho	544	613	608	89	88	90	485	539	547
Wyo.	555	585	577	87	87	88	483	509	508
Colo.	889	900	927	88	90	88	782	810	816
N.Mex.	678	671	676	82	84	84	556	564	568
Ariz.	451	396	391	79	75	81	356	297	317
Utah	346	360	362	86	88	85	299	317	308
Nev.	296	281	290	77	80	78	229	225	226
Wash.	511	544	566	88	87	89	448	473	504
Oreg.	662	734	732	85	85	86	564	624	630
Calif.	1,646	1,752	1,750	85	87	86	1,402	1,524	1,505
Total	45,734	45,871	46,370	86	86	86	39,405	39,353	39,911
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1/Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and over on farms and ranches January 1.





